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MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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MEMORANDUM

TO:  CUSTODIANS OF MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL
FROM: JOHN A. LIVERATTI, CHIEF, COMPLIANCE
SUBJECT: REVISED CHAPTER 1900 FOR MEDICAID SERVICES MANUAL

MATERIAL TRANSMITTED

MTL 39/05 Chapter 1900 - TRANSPORTATION
Plus Attachment

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MTL 01/00 Chapter 1900 -
TRANSPORTATION

1) BACKGROUND AND EXPLANATIONS

Chapter 1900 of the Medicaid Services Manual was last updated in October 2002. On October 1, 2003, First Health Services Corporation became Medicaid's fiscal agent for emergency transportation while non-emergency transportation services were contracted with a statewide transportation broker under the State of Nevada 1915 (b) Waiver. These changes have resulted in multiple revisions in provider and recipient responsibility as well as in financial responsibility. Revisions to Chapter 1900 reflect operational changes that have been in place for 24 months.

The following changes have been made to the chapter.

- Escort, Managed Care Organization, Payment Authorization Request and Volunteer have been added to the definitions.
- Language has been added to specify that retroactive eligibility does not apply to non-emergency transportation services.
- Exceptions have been added to escorts for minor children.
- Non-Emergency Transportation (NET) contract language for driver and vehicle safety has been added.

- As a contracted agent of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services, subject to the requirements of Senate Bill 401 of 2005 (Act of June 1, 2005, ch. 222, §§ 1-5, 2005 Nev. Stat. _____) the NET broker may utilize the services of motor carriers that are exempt from certain certification requirements of the Transportation Services Authority (TSA) of the Department of Business and Industry.
- New language assures that costs of meals and lodging for one attendant will be reimbursed if an attendant is required to ensure that the recipient receives required medical services. This also applies to a parent traveling with a minor child; two parents in the case of a foster or adopted child.
- Emergency vs. Non-Emergency Transportation Decision Tree has been added.
- A list of accepted transportation procedure codes has been added.